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SUBJ: JAPANESE DEMARCHE ON KOREA

1. SEICHI OKIMOTO, FIRST SECRETARY, JAPANESE EMBASSY, DAKAR, CALLED AUGUST 12 ON CHARGE TO BRIEF HIM ON JAPANESE DEMARCHE ON KOREAN ITEM TO MALIAN GOVERNMENT. SEYDOU TRAORE, SECRETARY GENERAL, MFA, SAW OKIMOTO FOR ABOUT ONE AND A HALF HOURS ON PREVIOUS DAY. OKIMOTO EXPLAINED JAPAN'S INTEREST IN A RELAXATION OF TENSION AND A RESOLUTION OF KOREAN PROBLEM, ARGUING THAT NORTH KOREAN ATTEMPTS TO DEAL OVER THE HEAD OF SOUTH KOREA WITH THE US WERE UNREALISTIC. OKIMOTO, AS EXPECTED, KNEW KOREAN SITUATION WELL AND EVIDENTLY ENGAGED TRAORE IN LONG AND SPIRITED EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

2. BASED ON OKIMOTO'S ACCOUNT, TRAORE GAVE STANDARD

PRO-NORTH KOREAN LINE THAT HE HAS GIVEN THIS EMBASSY--KOREAN PROBLEM SHOULD BE SOLVED WITHOUT PRESURE OF FOREIGN MILITARY FORCES IN KOREA. OKIMOTO ALSO BRIEFED TRAORE ON GENERAL LINE OF JAPANESE AP POLICY TO LDC'S. TRAORE RESPONDED WITH WARM INTER-  
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EST AND ARRANGED FURTHER MEETINGS FOR OKIMOTO WITH  
MALIAN OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOREIGN AID.

3. OKIMOTO TOLD CHARGE THAT JAPANESE URANIUM PROS-  
PECTING WORK IN MALI HAD PROVED FAVORABLE ENOUGH TO  
SEND IN A GROUP OF JAPANESE SPECIALISTS TO MALI THIS  
FALL. OKIMOTO POINTED OUT AREA ON MAP BORDERED BY  
MALIAN TOWNS OF KIDALA, TESSALIT AND BOURESSA IN  
MALI'S FORBIDDING AND DESOLATE VI REGION.

4. COMMENT: OKIMOTO'S VISIT TO MALI WAS SUPPORTIVE  
OF US EFFORTS ON KOREAN ITEM, PARTICULARLY IN POINT-  
ING OUT SPECIFIC JAPANESE INTERESTS IN A REDUCTION  
OF TENSION IN KOREAN PENINSULA, REASONABLENESS OF US  
APPROACH AND DANGER OF ACCEPTING ANCRITICALLY NORTH  
KOREAN PROPAGANDA. SINCE OKIMOTO ALSO TOUCHED ON  
POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE AID FROM JAPAN, AND THERE IS  
PROSPECT OF JAPANESE URANIUM PROCESSING, MALIANS MAY  
ACCORD GREATER WEIGHT TO JAPANESE VIEW IN FUTURE.  
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